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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary for Applications Under Accelerated Examination	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Cheukfan Lee	2625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
**Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program,
 NO extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted and a SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR
 REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE:**

**ONE MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER,
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The objective of the accelerated examination program is to complete the examination of an application within twelve months from the filing date of the application. Any reply must be filed electronically via EFS-Web so that the papers will be expeditiously processed and considered. If the reply is not filed electronically via EFS-Web, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2006.
 2) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 3) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,16,18 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
 3a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-5, 16, 18, and 19 is/are allowed.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 8) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 9) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 10) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 11) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. Claims 1, 3-5, 16, 18, and 19 are pending for examination. Claims 2, 6-15, 17, and 20-29 have been withdrawn from consideration for being non-elected claims but not canceled.

2. The rejection of claims 5 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is withdrawn. The Examiner agrees with Applicant's remarks filed June 8, 2006.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

None elected claims 2, 6-15, 17, and 20-29 should be canceled.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Please see Office Action Summary for Applications Under Accelerated Examination, for the correct response time period.

4. Claims 1, 3-5, 16, 18, and 19 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3-5, 16, 18, and 19 are allowable over the closest prior art of record, Suzuki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,761).

The examiner found Applicant's arguments convincing that the single motor of the scanner of Suzuki et al. does not move the array of photosensors in two dimensional in a plane substantially parallel to the image being scanned without the assistance of the operator.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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